

Dear Sirs/Madams;

I wish to write to you and urge you to deny petition RM-10740. In my opinion this petition poses a serious threat to the Amateur Radio community. Upon reading this petition, it is my opinion that the petitioners have a personal problem with operators experimenting with "enhanced SSB".

The cornerstone of our service is experimentation. In 1948 hams were the first users, other than the military, of SSB technology. Hams have always embraced and perfected new technologies for use in the Amateur Radio bands.

My opinion of the people that are experimenting with "enhanced SSB" is that they have confined themselves to one small segment of the 20 Meter band on 14.178MHz. Also I feel that this petition undermines the previous enforcement attempts of the commission. In letters dated April 3, 2003 to four Amateur Operators, they were reminded to review Section 97.307 (a) of the Commissions Rules that "no amateur station transmission shall occupy more bandwidth than necessary for the information rate and emission type being transmitted."

In granting this petition, it would set forth rules that would be hard if not impossible to comply to. Most operators would not have access to equipment, let alone the means to purchase equipment, to measure the transmitted bandwidth. I have read comments elsewhere by other operators stating that most radios would not comply to this type of rule.

In closing I urge the commission NOT to amend Part 97 of the Commissions Rules.

Respectfully Yours,
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